

Department of Veterans Affairs

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819.806-4 Funding business development expense.

If SBA declines to fund the business development expense, it will be reported in accordance with 819.870.

[52 FR 37317, Oct. 6, 1987]

819.807 Estimating fair market price.

(a) Estimating the fair market price is a crucial initial step in determining what is a reasonable price for a negotiated 8(a) contract. For supplies and equipment, previous prices paid under competitive conditions, adjusted for inflation, may provide necessary data to make such an estimate.

(b) Estimating fair market price for such services as architect-engineer and construction may be accomplished through independent cost estimates and other pertinent data obtained from SBA when the estimated fair market price is not fully supportable from available documentation (see FAR 19.807).

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819.807-70 Commitments of Office of Facilities Management funded projects for the 8(a) program.

Major and minor projects funded by the Office of Facilities Management (including those delegated to the VHA medical facilities) which have been committed to the 8(a) program will not be withdrawn from that program without the consent of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU). Requests for consent from OSDBU will normally be in writing and will clearly set forth the circumstances necessitating 8(a) withdrawal. If the contracting officer determines that time does not permit a written request, an oral request will be made. Such an oral request will be confirmed in writing.

[49 FR 12608, Mar. 29, 1984, as amended at 52 FR 46083, Dec. 4, 1987; 54 FR 40064, Sept. 29, 1989; 63 FR 69220, Dec. 16, 1998]

819.809-70 Procurement of supplies, services, and research and development.

(a) Contracts for supplies, equipment and services other than construction will be prepared as any other prime

contract and in accordance with FAR Subpart 19.8.

(b) The Department of Veterans Affairs contracting officer will forward the prime contract to SBA in sufficient numbers to furnish two copies to SBA and one copy to each subcontractor. SBA will return the signed original to the Department of Veterans Affairs contracting officer.

819.809-71 Procurement of construction.

Construction projects which have been selected for inclusion in this program will be contracted for as provided in this section and FAR Subpart 19.8.

(a) The contracting officer will submit, for each project so identified, the complete project listing including technical specifications, drawings and wage rates to the proper official of the appropriate SBA regional office. Should SBA select a competent subcontractor capable of performing the work, they will so certify to the Department of Veterans Affairs contracting officer. They will furnish him/her the name and complete address of the subcontractor(s), the project involved and the price(s) quoted. If the price quoted is within the range acceptable to the Department of Veterans Affairs, the contracting officer will indicate acceptance to SBA.

(b) When the contracting officer receives Standard Form 1442, Solicitation, Offer and Award (Construction, Alteration, or Repair), signed by SBA and the subcontractor, and the performance and payment bonds, the contracting officer will forward a notice to proceed to the subcontractor.

Subpart 819.70—Veteran-Owned and Operated Small Businesses

SOURCE: 50 FR 793, Jan. 7, 1985, unless otherwise noted.

819.7001 Policy.

(a) Pub. L. 93-237 amended the Small Business Act by directing SBA to give "special consideration" to veterans of the Armed Forces in all SBA programs. Consistent with and in furtherance of that statute, it is the policy of the Department of Veterans Affairs to encourage participation by veteran-

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owned and operated small businesses, including Vietnam era and disabled, in VA acquisitions.

(b) All VA facilities having procurement requirements for which veteran-owned small businesses are known sources, will take affirmative action to solicit these firms and assist them in participating in VA acquisition opportunities.

[50 FR 793, Jan. 7, 1985, as amended at 55 FR 49900, Dec. 3, 1990]

819.7002 Definition.

A veteran-owned small business is a small business that is at least 51 percent owned by a veteran who also controls and operates the business. Control in this context means exercising the power to make policy decisions. Operate in this context means actively involved in day-to-day management. For purposes of this definition, eligible veterans include:

(a) Veterans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and were discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

(b) Vietnam era veterans who served for a period of more than 180 days, any part of which was between August 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975, and were discharged other than dishonorably.

(c) Disabled veterans with a minimum compensable disability of 30 percent, or a veteran who was discharged for disability.

[49 FR 12608, Mar. 29, 1984, as amended at 54 FR 40064, Sept. 29, 1989; 55 FR 49900, Dec. 3, 1990]

819.7003 Procedure.

(a) To obtain information on business development for veteran-owned businesses and further identify veteran-owned small businesses, contracting officers shall contact the veterans affairs officers at the local SBA district office. When counselling small businesses, contracting officers shall determine if the business is veteran-owned and operated and ensure that SF 129s are completed properly to identify veteran-owned business.

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(b) The veteran-owned business representation in 852.219-70 shall be included in all solicitations.

[55 FR 49901, Dec. 3, 1990]

819.7004 Waiver of the use of veteran-owned firms.

It is the policy of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide veteran-owned firms every opportunity to participate in the acquisition process. A contracting office wishing to waive this policy for a particular procurement involving other than small purchase procedures must first process a VA Form 90-2268. The contracting officer must clearly document on VAF 90-2268 the reasons that eligible veteran-owned firms are not intended to be solicited or quotations sought for the particular procurement. Exempt from this reporting requirement are SBA 8(a) acquisitions.

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822.304 Variations, tolerances, and exemptions.

When a contract is entered into for nursing home care, the clause prescribed by FAR 22.305 will be modified to reflect the variation contained in 29 CFR 5.15(d)(3) as set forth in 852.222-70.